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SUBJECT: SAHARAN SUMMIT

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1. ALIOU KIETA, AFRICAN AFFAIRS OFFICER, MALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD POL OFF MAY 3 THAT DATE FOR SAHARAN SUMMIT WAS STILL NOT SET. THERE WAS REAL PROBLEM IN GETTING SO MANY CHIEFS OF STATE TO AGREE ON A COMMON TIME. CHAD, IN PARTICULAR, HAD CAUSED PROBLEMS BY DEMANDING A DATE DIFFERENT FROM THAT ALREADY ESTABLISHED. KEITA SAID THAT, QUITE HONESTLY, HE HAD NO REAL IDEA OF WHEN THE SUMMIT WOULD TAKE PLACE.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE KEITA BLAMED CHAD FOR DELAY, IT MAY WELL BE THAT MALI IS INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTS TO BRING BOTH MAURITANIA AND ALGERIA TO SAHARAN SUMMIT. SUCH AN EVENTUALITY WOULD CERTAINLY SUIT MALI WHICH FINDS ITSELF SQUEEZED BETWEEN TWO QUARRELING COUNTRIES, BOTH OF WHICH IT CONSIDERS FRIENDS.

3. WE HAVE NOT HEARD, HOWEVER, ANY SUGGESTION IN BAMAKO THAT PRESIDENTS BOUMEDIENNE AND OULD DADDAH MET HERE SECRETLY (REF C). PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S LAST TRIP TO BAMAKO WAS DURING A PERIOD OF

EXTREME POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN MALI AND WE DOUBT THAT MALIAN GOVERNMENT, THAT TIME, COULD HAVE HANDLED SUCH SECRET ENCOUNTER.
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